

## ROBERT STONE DUKE

Robert Stone Duke was born April 14, 1837, in the state of New York. His parents were early converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. As a boy he lived in Nauvoo and was acquainted with Joseph Smith. He remembered the



martyrdom of the Prophet very well. He also was at the meeting of the saints when the mantle of Joseph Smith fell on Brigham Young, and he bore testimony of this until his dying day. When mob violence became the rule in Nauvoo, the Dukes were among those who were forced to leave.

They became pioneers of Utah and Heber Valley. He came to Heber from Provo and carried a plow on his back. He set up just west of the cemetery section and made his home there for over 60 years.

Robert S. Duke became bishop of Heber East Ward and was a servant to his people. He visited the sick, comforted the bereaved, and ministered to the poor. His last twenty years were served as a Patriarch of Wasatch Stake. For many years he collected milk from the valley farmers and delivered it to Hatch's creamery, north of town. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. He died June 16, 1923.

Annie Ross Young Duke was born Jan. 13, 1839, in Nashville, Tenn. Her father was a carpenter and cabinet maker. He also made beautiful hardwood caskets. Her mother was a seamstress and learned to be a tailor and made men's clothing. Her parents heard the elders of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, accepting the gospel in Nauvoo in 1843. They lived in the basement of John D. Lee's home while her father was building them a two-story brick home.

Her father worked on the Nauvoo Temple and he and her mother had their endowments therein. They lived there until the saints were driven out, in 1846. That summer all the family came down with "chills and fever." Her youngest brother died there.

When they left to come west they were on the ill-fated boat "Saluda," that blew

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Robert S. Duke was born at Albany, New York, April 13, 1827. Came to this valley in the summer of 1859, and took up a piece of land. The next season he moved his family here and built a house and made other improvements.

Among the incidents in his life in the early days of this valley, we might mention that when the road was washed out in the spring of 1862, he went to Provo on foot and carried a plow up the canyon over the snow-slide to Heber with which to do his spring plowing. Many interesting incidents and important historical facts in which he has taken part could be mentioned if time and space would admit of it.

These two persons, John and Robert S. Duke, have taken an active part in the Indian troubles, the construction of canals and the building of school houses, churches and all other public structures. They have cheerfully answered every call to church duties, and each has been honored by appointment to the high ecclesiastical position of patriarch. Robert S. Duke held the office of Bishop in the Heber East Ward from 1884 to 1901.



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2nd Bishop of Heber 1st Ward  
Bsp 1884 to 1901  
1st Counselor: *Erison Hickson*

2nd " : *Henry Shilwell*

Clerk :

*Early Healer*

*Aunt Christie Giles  
93 crossed plains  
Healed from Canker by  
Blessed Robt Stone Duke  
Hair frozen  
to ground*

*Miracles*